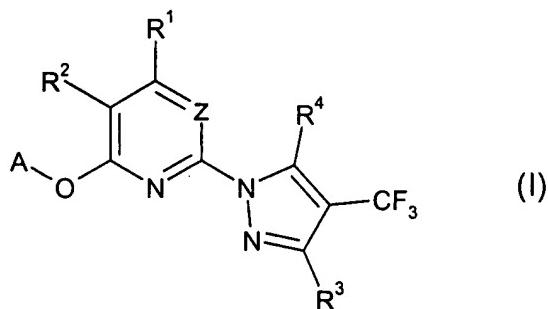


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

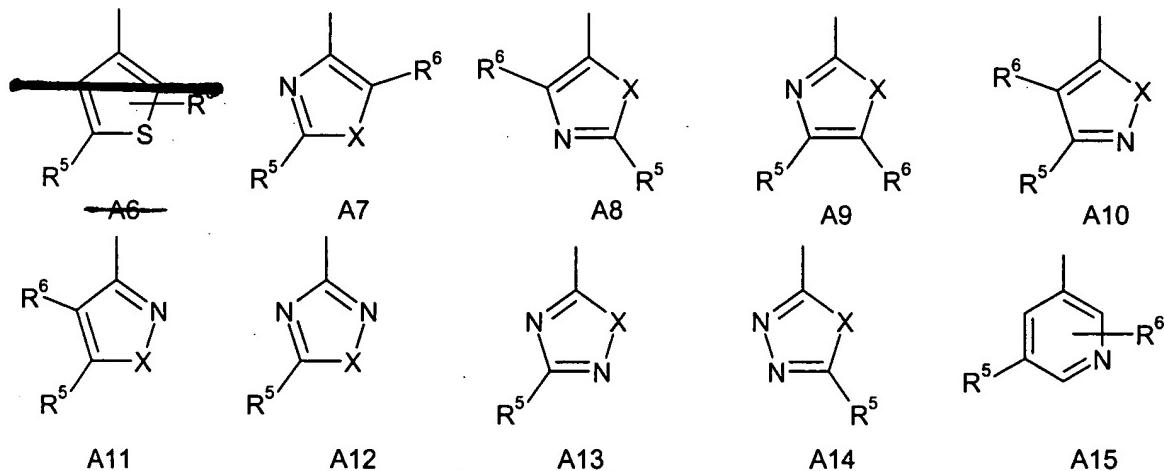
Claim 1 (Currently amended): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N or CR⁸;

A is a radical from the group [[A6]] A7 to A15:



R¹ and R² independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, isocyano, OH, COOR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, CH₂OH, CH₂SH, CH₂NH₂, NO₂, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halogen-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl, (C₃-C₄)-alkenyloxy, (C₃-C₄)-alkynyloxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkylthio-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, S(O)_nR⁹, (C₁-C₂)-alkylsulfonyl-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, NH₂, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-NH, (C₁-C₃)-alkyl-CO-NH, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-SO₂NH or di-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino;

R³ and R⁴ independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy;

R⁵ is halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylthio, (C₃-C₅)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C₃-C₅)-cycloalkyl, SF₅, S(O)_nR⁹, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl or (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl;

R⁶ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or S(O)_nR⁹;

R⁸ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C₁-C₄)-alkylamino, (C₁-C₃)-alkylcarbonylamino, (C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonylamino, di-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino or S(O)_nR⁹;

R⁹ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

X is oxygen or sulfur; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

Claim 2 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein Z is CR⁸.

Claim 3 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R³ and R⁴ independently are each hydrogen, halogen, methyl, methoxy or trifluoromethyl.

Claim 4 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

R¹ is hydrogen, halogen, methoxy, methyl or ethyl, and

R² is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, cyano, ethynyl, vinyl or formyl.

Claim 5 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R³ and R⁴ independently are each hydrogen or methyl.

Claim 6 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R⁸ is hydrogen, halogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl.

Claim 7 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

R⁵ is halogen, cyano, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylthio.

Claim 8 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R⁶ is hydrogen or methyl.

Claim 9 (Original): A herbicidal composition comprising a herbicidally effective amount of at least one compound of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 10 (Original): A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 9 in a mixture with formulating auxiliaries.

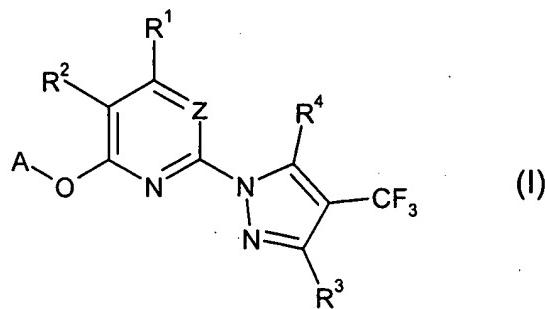
Claim 11 (Previously presented): A method of controlling unwanted plants, which comprises applying an effective amount of at least one compound of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 to the plants or to the site of the unwanted plant growth.

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the compound of the formula (I) is used to control unwanted plants in crops of useful plants.

Claim 14 (Previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the useful plants are transgenic.

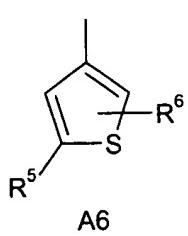
Claim 15 (New): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N

A is



R^1 and R^2 independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, isocyano, OH, COOR^{10} , COR^{10} , CH_2OH , CH_2SH , CH_2NH_2 , NO_2 , (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, (C_3 - C_6)-cycloalkyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, halogen-(C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, (C_1 - C_2)-alkoxy-(C_1 - C_2)-alkyl, (C_2 - C_4)-alkenyl, (C_2 - C_4)-alkynyl, (C_3 - C_4)-alkenyloxy, (C_3 - C_4)-alkynyloxy, (C_1 - C_2)-alkylthio-(C_1 - C_2)-alkyl, $S(\text{O})_n\text{R}^9$, (C_1 - C_2)-alkylsulfonyl-(C_1 - C_2)-alkyl, NH_2 , (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl-NH, (C_1 - C_3)-alkyl-CO-NH, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl- SO_2NH or di-(C_1 - C_4)-alkylamino;

R^3 and R^4 independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy or halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy;

R^5 is halogen, cyano, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, halo-(C_2)-alkyl, halo-(C_3)-alkyl, halo-(C_4)-alkyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkylthio, (C_3 - C_5)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C_3 - C_5)-cycloalkyl, SF_5 , $S(\text{O})_n\text{R}^9$, (C_2 - C_4)-alkenyl or (C_2 - C_4)-alkynyl;

R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy or $S(\text{O})_n\text{R}^9$;

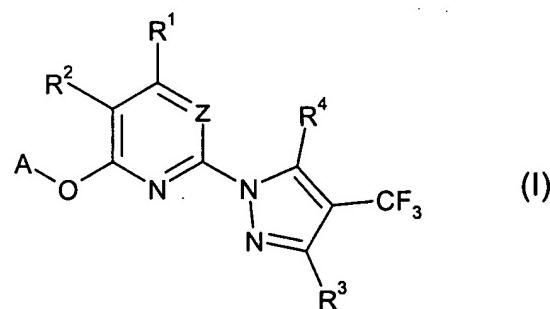
R^8 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C_1 - C_4)-alkylamino, (C_1 - C_3)-alkylcarbonylamino, (C_1 - C_4)-alkylsulfonylamino, di-(C_1 - C_4)-alkylamino or $S(\text{O})_n\text{R}^9$;

R^9 is hydrogen, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl or halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkyl;

R^{10} is hydrogen or (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

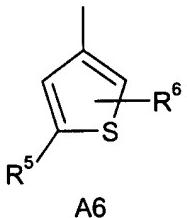
Claim 16 (New): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N

A is



R¹ and R² independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, isocyano, OH, COOR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, CH₂OH, CH₂SH, CH₂NH₂, NO₂, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halogen-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl, (C₃-C₄)-alkenyloxy, (C₃-C₄)-alkynyloxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkylthio-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, S(O)_nR⁹, (C₁-C₂)-alkylsulfonyl-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, NH₂, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-NH, (C₁-C₃)-alkyl-CO-NH, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-SO₂NH or di-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino;

R³ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy;

R⁴ is halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy;

R⁵ is halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylthio, (C₃-C₅)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C₃-C₅)-cycloalkyl, SF₅, S(O)_nR⁹, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl or (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl;

R⁶ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or S(O)_nR⁹;

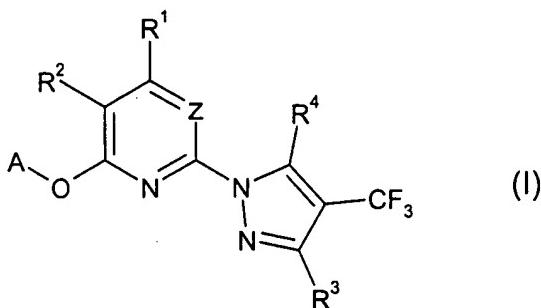
R⁸ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C₁-C₄)-alkylamino, (C₁-C₃)-alkylcarbonylamino, (C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonylamino, di-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino or S(O)_nR⁹;

R⁹ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

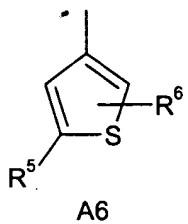
Claim 17 (New): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N

A is



R¹ and R² independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, isocyano, OH, COOR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, CH₂OH, CH₂SH, CH₂NH₂, NO₂, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halogen-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl, (C₃-C₄)-alkenyloxy, (C₃-C₄)-alkynyloxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkylthio-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, S(O)_nR⁹, (C₁-C₂)-alkylsulfonyl-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, NH₂, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-NH, (C₁-C₃)-alkyl-CO-NH, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-SO₂NH or di-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino;

R³ is halogen, cyano, (C₂)-alkyl, (C₃)-alkyl, (C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy;

R⁴ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy;

R^5 is halogen, cyano, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkylthio, (C_3 - C_5)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C_3 - C_5)-cycloalkyl, SF_5 , $S(O)_nR^9$, (C_2 - C_4)-alkenyl or (C_2 - C_4)-alkynyl;

R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy or $S(O)_nR^9$;

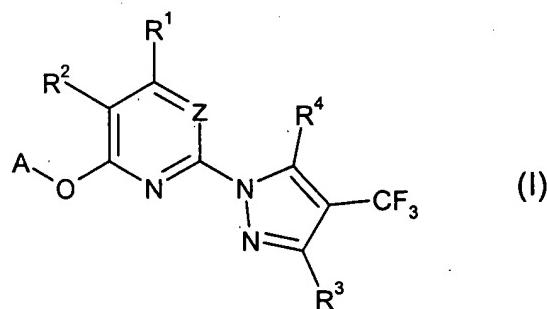
R^8 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C_1 - C_4)-alkylamino, (C_1 - C_3)-alkylcarbonylamino, (C_1 - C_4)-alkylsulfonylamino, di-(C_1 - C_4)-alkylamino or $S(O)_nR^9$;

R^9 is hydrogen, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl or halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkyl;

R^{10} is hydrogen or (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

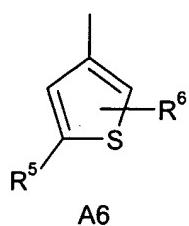
Claim 18 (New): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N

A is



R^1 is isocyano, OH, COOH, CO_2CH_3 , $CO_2(C_3\text{-alkyl})$, $CO_2(C_4\text{-alkyl})$, COH, $COCH_3$, $CO(C_2\text{-alkyl})$, $CO(C_3\text{-alkyl})$, $CO(C_4\text{-alkyl})$, CH_2OH , CH_2SH , CH_2NH_2 , NO_2 , $(C_2)\text{-alkyl}$, $(C_3)\text{-alkyl}$, $(C_4)\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{halo-}(C_2)\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{halo-}(C_3)\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{halo-}(C_4)\text{-alkyl}$, $(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{-cycloalkyl}$, $(C_2)\text{-alkoxy}$, $(C_3)\text{-alkoxy}$, $(C_4)\text{-alkoxy}$, $\text{halogen-}(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkoxy}$, $(C_2)\text{-alkoxy-}(C_1\text{-}C_2)\text{-alkyl}$, $(C_1)\text{-alkoxy-}(C_2)\text{-alkyl}$, $(C_2\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkenyl}$, $(C_2\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkynyl}$, $(C_3\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkenyloxy}$, $(C_3\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkynyoxy}$, $(C_1\text{-}C_2)\text{-alkylthio-}(C_1\text{-}C_2)\text{-alkyl}$, $S(O)_nR^9$, $(C_1\text{-}C_2)\text{-alkylsulfonyl-}(C_1\text{-}C_2)\text{-alkyl}$, NH_2 , $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkyl-NH}$, $(C_1\text{-}C_3)\text{-alkyl-CO-NH}$, $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkyl-SO}_2NH$ or di- $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkylamino}$;

R^2 is Br, F, cyano, isocyano, OH, $COOR^{10}$, COR^{10} , CH_2OH , CH_2SH , CH_2NH_2 , NO_2 , $(C_3)\text{-alkyl}$, $(C_4)\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{halo-}(C_2)\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{halo-}(C_3)\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{halo-}(C_4)\text{-alkyl}$, $(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{-cycloalkyl}$, $(C_2)\text{-alkoxy}$, $(C_3)\text{-alkoxy}$, $(C_4)\text{-alkoxy}$, $\text{halogen-}(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkoxy}$, $(C_1\text{-}C_2)\text{-alkoxy-}(C_1\text{-}C_2)\text{-alkyl}$, $(C_2\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkenyl}$, $(C_2\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkynyl}$, $(C_3\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkenyloxy}$, $(C_3\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkynyoxy}$, $(C_1\text{-}C_2)\text{-alkylthio-}(C_1\text{-}C_2)\text{-alkyl}$, $S(O)_nR^9$, $(C_1\text{-}C_2)\text{-alkylsulfonyl-}(C_1\text{-}C_2)\text{-alkyl}$, NH_2 , $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkyl-NH}$, $(C_1\text{-}C_3)\text{-alkyl-CO-NH}$, $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkyl-SO}_2NH$ or di- $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkylamino}$;

R^3 and R^4 independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{halo-}(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkyl}$, $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkoxy}$ or $\text{halo-}(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkoxy}$;

R^5 is halogen, cyano, $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{halo-}(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkyl}$, $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkoxy}$, $\text{halo-}(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkoxy}$, $\text{halo-}(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkylthio}$, $(C_3\text{-}C_5)\text{-cycloalkyl}$, $\text{halo-}(C_3\text{-}C_5)\text{-cycloalkyl}$, SF_5 , $S(O)_nR^9$, $(C_2\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkenyl}$ or $(C_2\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkynyl}$;

R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{halo-}(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkyl}$, $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkoxy}$, $\text{halo-}(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkoxy}$ or $S(O)_nR^9$;

R^8 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkyl}$, $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkoxy}$, hydroxy, amino, $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkylamino}$, $(C_1\text{-}C_3)\text{-alkylcarbonylamino}$, $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkylsulfonylamino}$, di- $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkylamino}$ or $S(O)_nR^9$;

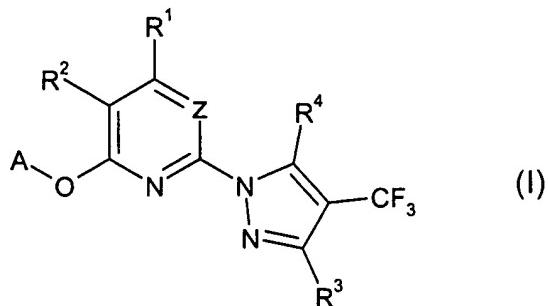
R^9 is hydrogen, $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkyl}$ or $\text{halo-}(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkyl}$;

R^{10} is hydrogen or $(C_1\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkyl}$; and

n is 1 or 2.

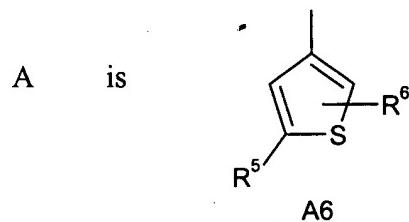
Claim 19 (New): A compound of claim 15, wherein R¹ and R² = H, R³ and R⁴ independently are each H or CH₃, R⁵ is F, Cl or cyano and R⁶ is H.

Claim 20 (New): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is CR⁸;



R¹ and R² independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, isocyano, OH, COOR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, CH₂OH, CH₂SH, CH₂NH₂, NO₂, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halogen-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl, (C₃-C₄)-alkenyloxy, (C₃-C₄)-alkynyloxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkylthio-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, S(O)_nR⁹, (C₁-C₂)-alkylsulfonyl-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, NH₂, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-NH, (C₁-C₃)-alkyl-CO-NH, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-SO₂NH or di-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino;

R³ and R⁴ independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy;

R⁵ is halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylthio, (C₃-C₅)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C₃-C₅)-cycloalkyl, SF₅, S(O)_nR⁹, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl or (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl;

R⁶ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or S(O)_nR⁹;

R⁸ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C₁-C₄)-alkylamino, (C₁-C₃)-alkylcarbonylamino, (C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonylamino, di-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino or S(O)_nR⁹;

R⁹ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

Claim 21 (New): A compound of claim 20, wherein R⁸ is H, CH₃, Cl or F.

Claim 22 (New): A compound of claim 20, wherein

R¹ is H, CH₃, CH₂CH₃, Cl, Br or F,

R² is H, CH₃, OCH₃, OCH₂CH₃, CH₂CH₃, CN, CHO, vinyl, ethynyl, Cl, Br or F,

R³ is H, CH₃ or CH₂CH₃,

R⁴ is H, CH₃ or CH₂CH₃,

R⁵ is CN, CF₃, OCF₃, OCF₂H, Cl, Br, F, CH₂CF₃ or SCF₃,

R⁶ is H, and

R⁸ is H, CH₃, Cl or F.